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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, VT, VS  
SUBJECT: POPE'S CONCERN FOR VIETNAM REFUGEES

REF: ROME 4343

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1. YOU MAY INFORM VATICAN OFFICIALS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT FULLY SHARES THE POPE'S CONCERN OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN VIETNAM, PARTICULARLY THE PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES- IN THIS CONNECTION, THE US GOVERNMENT IS EXPLORING ON AN URGENT BASIS EVERY POSSIBILITY OF HOW WE CAN HELP ALLEVIATE THE HUMAN SUFFERING THERE AS WELL AS TRANSPORT THE REFUGEES TO SAFE AREAS.

2. FYI. WHILE PRECISE FIGURES ARE UNAVAILABLE, SOME ESTIMATE THAT THERE COULD BE AS MANY AS 600,000 REFUGEES, IF NOT MORE, IN THE DANANG AREA ALONE. IN ADDITION TO THE LOGISTICS REQUIRED TO MOVE THE REFUGEES, THE RVN, FOR ITS PART, IS FACED WITH THE ASSOCIATED PROBLEM OF PROVIDING FACILITIES IN SAFE AREAS IN SOUTH VIETNAM ADEQUATE TO  
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ACCOMODATE THE FLOW OF REFUGEES. ALSO, NEWS REPORTS CONCERN-

ING PURPORTED DECISIONS TO USE US 747'S TO EVACUATE  
REFUGEES ARE INACCURATE AND PREMATURE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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